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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

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Examiner

DARYL C. POPE

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A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 22 April 2005.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 18-34 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 18-34 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- 1) ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - 2) ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - 3) ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 4/22/05.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

1. Applicant is reminded of the proper language and format for an abstract of the disclosure.

The abstract should be in narrative form and generally limited to a single paragraph on a separate sheet within the range of 50 to 150 words. It is important that the abstract not exceed 150 words in length since the space provided for the abstract on the computer tape used by the printer is limited. The form and legal phraseology often used in patent claims, such as "**means**" and "said," should be avoided. The abstract should describe the disclosure sufficiently to assist readers in deciding whether there is a need for consulting the full patent text for details.

The language should be clear and concise and should not repeat information given in the title. It should avoid using phrases which can be implied, such as, "The disclosure concerns," "The disclosure defined by this invention," "The disclosure describes," etc.

2. The abstract of the disclosure is objected to because use of the term means should be removed. Correction is required. See MPEP § 608.01(b).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

3. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

4. Claims 19,21-25, and 29-32 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

1) Claim 19, line 2; claim 21, line 2, use of the term "and/or" is ambiguous and should be defined with greater specificity;

2) Claims 22-25 and 29-30, line 2; claim 28, line 3, the phrase "unwanted by the driver" is ambiguous and should be defined with greater specificity;

3) Claim 31, line 4, the term "however" should be removed;

4) Claim 31, lines 2 and 4, the phrase "the desired brake force" has no antecedent basis;

5) Claim 31, lines 3, the phrase "the longitudinal deceleration" has no antecedent basis;

6) Claim 32, lines 1-2, the phrase "the pedal-travel/brake-force characteristics" has no antecedent basis.

ART REJECTION:

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

5. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

6. Claims 18-21, 25, and 30-34 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Davidian(5,357,438).

-- In considering claims 18-21, the claimed subject matter that is met by Davidian includes:

1) the transmitting a safety-critical operating condition of a safety-critical system of a motor vehicle to a driver, wherein measures for making the driver aware by way of an impaired comfort is met by the deceleration alarm module(93) of the vehicle anti-collision system of Davidian, wherein a driver of a vehicle is notified of a danger of collision by an interrupting audio alarm via speaker(54)(see: column 9, lines 44-56).

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-- With regards to claim 25, the deactivation of the multimedia device is met by the audio alarm interrupting operation of the normal vehicle speakers to provide an anti-collision alarm(see: column 9, lines 44-56).

-- With regards to claim 30, the switching off the power steering system is met by the automatic actuator(29) which controls steering in an anti-collision situation(see: column 5, lines 19-21).

-- With regards to claims 31 and 32, the measure involving an additional signal in a brake system which changes the brake force characteristics is met by the automatic actuator(29) which controls the actuation of the brakes(see: column 5, lines 19-21).

-- With regards to claims 33-34, the central control unit providing sensing of the safety relevant operating conditions and triggering measures is met by the calculation.

Allowable Subject Matter

7. Claims 22-24,26-29 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the rejection(s) under 35 U.S.C. 112, 2nd paragraph, set forth in this Office action and to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Conclusion

8. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to DARYL C. POPE whose telephone number is 571-272-2959. The examiner can normally be reached on M-TH 9:00-7:30.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, DANIEL WU can be reached on 571-272-2964. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

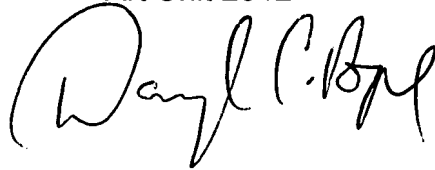
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Daryl C. Pope

June 25, 2007

DARYL C POPE
Primary Examiner
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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Daryl C. Pope", is written over the printed name and title.